

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Idaho's Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) flexibility document (waiver) expires June 30, 2015. The purpose of the waiver is to waive the obligations of NCLB. Idaho must renew the document and submit the request for renewal by March 31, 2015. The Idaho State Department of Education is submitting 132 changes to the flexibility document (waiver). The State Board of Education has approved the current submission. Additional changes to the waiver are necessary and are expected by the people of Idaho and the Idaho legislature.

The people of Idaho are asking for more flexibility in such things as testing schedules, test duration, standards, and many other things that are best left to Idahoans to determine what is best for Idaho.

This legislation provides justification for systematic review and amendments to the waiver. It is intended by the legislature that in all future amendments to the waiver, the maximum flexibility for the state is expected.

FISCAL NOTE

There are anticipated costs associated with pursuing amendments to the waiver but no fiscal impact is anticipated beyond the normal and ordinary expected expenditures of the Department.

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